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THERE FOLLOWS RESPONSES WHICH AFDF MANAGEMENT
HAS PROVIDED TO CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONS ON AFRICAN
DEVELOPMENT FUND CONTAINED REFTEL:

1. LIST OF BEST PROJECTS THAT COULD BE VISITED -
"BEST" ACCORDING TO THEIR DIRECT IMPACT ON THE POOR:

BENIN - DEVELOPMENT OF OUEME VALLEY

CHAD - SATEGUI - DERESSIA IRRIGATION PROJECT

GAMBIA - EXPANSION OF COTTON PRODUCTION

MALAWI - NAMWERA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

MALI - OPERATION WELLS PROJECT
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MALI - GENIE RURAL

RWANDA - RAMBA-GASEKE TEA DEVELOPMENT

UPPER VOLTA - OPERATION EARTH DAMS

2. PROPORTION OF BENEFITS OF PROJECTS APPROVED
IN 1977 THAT WILL GO TO THE "RURAL POOR" OR
"URBAN POOR" BY SECTOR:

AGRICULTURE 97 PERCENT TO RURAL POOR

TRANSPORT 51 PERCENT TO RURAL POOR

PUBLIC UTILITIES 23 PERCENT TO URBAN POOR

HEALTH & EDUCATION 70 PERCENT TO RURAL AND URBAN POOR

DUE TO THE ALMOST UNIVERSAL LEVEL OF POVERTY IN
COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR AFDF LOANS, AFDF TO DATE,
HAS NOT HAD A NEED TO DEVELOP RIGID MEASURES OF
DEFINING URBAN OR RURAL POVERTY. GENERALLY, THE
DEFINITIONS USED THE AFDF ARE AS FOLLOWS:

"RURAL POOR": COMPRISES POPULATION LIVING
IN RURAL AREAS AND DEPENDENT MAINLY ON
SUBSISTENCE AGRICULTURE. THE PER CAPITA
INCOME OF THE GROUPS IS USUALLY A MINOR
PROPORTION OF THE AVERAGE FOR THE COUNTRY.

"URBAN POOR": IS MADE UP OF THE UNEMPLOYED,
UNDEREMPLOYED AND LOW INCOME GROUPS OF URBAN
CENTERS. THEY USUALLY LIVE IN THE "SHANTY"
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OR "SLUM" AREAS OF THE MAJOR TOWNS. THE
AVERAGE INCOME FOR THE GROUP IS USUALLY
ABOUT HALF THE NATIONAL PER CAPITA INCOME.

3. (A) AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS APPROVED IN 1977
- PROPORTION OF BENEFITS DIRECTLY TO "RURAL POOR":

COMOROS VANILLA AND CLOVES DEVELOPMENT 100 PERCENT

ETHIOPIA AMIBARA IRRIGATION 100 PERCENT

GUINEA KENAF PRODUCTION 100 PERCENT

MADAGASCAR RICE DEVELOPMENT 100 PERCENT

MALI INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT 100 PERCENT
MALI MOPTI RICE II 100 PERCENT

NIGER OPERATION WELLS 100 PERCENT

RWANDA GISOVU TEA 75 PERCENT

UPPER VOLTA INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT 100 PERCENT

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(B) DEFINITION OF "RURAL POOR" AND OTHER
GROUPS FOR EACH AGRICULTURAL PROJECT

(1) COMOROS VANILLA AND CLOVES PROJECT: THE
EXISTING INCOME LEVEL IS LESS THAN FUA 60 PER
INHABITANT. THE LANDHOLDING PER FAMILY
AVERAGES ONE HALF HA., OF CROP LAND.

(2) ETHIOPIA-AMIBRRA IRRIGATION: FOR THE LANDED,
THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA INCOME IS ABOUT FUA 30.
THE EXISTING INCOME OF THOSE TO BE WAGE
EARNERS UNDER THE PROJECT IS AT SUBSISTENCE
LEVEL. THE AVERAGE HOLDING OF THE FARM
POPULATION IS LESS THAN ONE HA OF CROP
LAND. OTHER ASSETS OF THE BENEFICIARIES
INCLUDE ABOUT 2.6 HEAD OF CATTLE, SHEEP,
GOATS AND CAMEL PER INHABITANT.

(3) GUINEA KENAF PRODUCTION: THE AVERAGE
FARMING FAMILY UNIT OF 4-6 MEMBERS
CULTIVATES AN AVERAGE OF 2 HA EACH. THE
AVERAGE CASH INCOME OF THE INDIVIDUAL
FARMER IS AT SUBSISTENCE LEVEL WHILE THE
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WORKER IS PRESENTLY UNEMPLOYED OR UNDER-EMPLOYED.

(4) MADAGASCAR RICE DEVELOPMENT: THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA INCOME FOR THE RURAL POPULATION IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT FUA 41. ONE HECTARE OF LAND ON THE AVERAGE WILL BE ALLOCATED TO EACH FAMILY FOR RICE CULTIVATION - THE LAND IS OWNED BY THE STATE.

(5) MALI INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT: FARMERS HAVE NO OFFICIAL TITLE TO THE LAND BUT RECEIVE RIGHT OF OCCUPANCY FROM LOCAL TRADITIONAL CHIEFS. A FAMILY OF 11 PEOPLE INCLUDING 3 ADULT MEN WOULD CULTIVATE SOME 6 HECTARES. INCOME IS AT SUBSISTENCE LEVEL. OTHER ASSETS INCLUDE HERDS OF LIVESTOCK - MAINLY CATTLE AND GOATS.

(6) MALI MOPTI RICE II: THE MAJOR BENEFICIARIES ARE PEASANT FARMERS, EACH POSSESSING AN AVERAGE OF 2-4 HA PER FAMILY. AVERAGE FAMILY REVENUE IS ABOUT FUA 75. EACH FARMER ALSO OWNS SOME LIVESTOCK - SHEEP, GOATS AND CATTLE INCLUDING A PAIR OF DRAUGHT OXEN, AND USUALLY A PLOUGH.

(7) NIGER OPERATION WELLS: PROJECT COVERS AREAS HIT BY DROUGHT. THE POPULATION IS LIVING BELOW SUBSISTENCE LEVEL.

(8) RWANDA GISOVU TEA: THE AVERAGE FAMILY OWNS ABOUT 1.5 HA OF CROP LAND GENERATING SOME UNCLASSIFIED

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FUA 180 PER YEAR. OTHER BENEFICIARIES ARE THE PREVIOUSLY UNEMPLOYED HIGHER INCOME EARNERS OF THE STATE FARM.

(9) UPPER VOLTA INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT: THE AVERAGE CULTIVABLE LAND PER FAMILY (AVERAGE 10 PEOPLE) IS 5 HA. THE NET CASH INCOME PER FARMER RANGES FROM FUA 41 TO FUA 200. MOST FARMERS KEEP SMALL STOCK OF GOATS, SHEEP AND POULTRY. STEARNS

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